

STANDARD OIL
CHANGES POLICY

Enters Upon a Campaign
of Publicity.

PAYS PRESS AGENT \$20,000

Directors Now to Receive \$48,000 a
Year, Instead of \$24,000, as Here-
tofore—Change in Shares.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Standard Oil Company, the most powerful corporation in the world, started for cover today, and the pace was fast. It doubled the pay of its twelve directors, making them the highest paid directors in the country, because in the future they will have to work overtime.

It is considering the division of its shares of capital stock in order to bring the quotations on a par with railroad and other stocks. To cap the climax, the corporation has employed a press agent at \$20,000 a year.

There was a general weakness in Standard Oil issues in view of the change of front. St. Paul railroad opened down 1 1/2 points, and Amalgamated Copper lost a full point. In spite of the prospective settlement, the stocks did not respond.

In the past plan of campaign which the Oil trust has mapped out since the Government showed its earnestness on the rebate question, the move which most interests the general public is the proposed multiplication of shares. A number of Standard Oil directors, among them Bedford, Moffett, Barstow, and Telford, argue thus:

This public sees Standard Oil stock quoted at 60. It immediately jumps to the conclusion that it is a gold mine. This is the cause of much adverse criticism. If it was quoted at the price of other stocks little notice would be taken of it. Dividends per share would be smaller, but the aggregate return to the shareholders would be the same. The matter will be taken up in a meeting.

The directors expect to work hard in the next few months. Their pay is to be increased from \$24,000 a year to \$48,000. This raises takes effect from May 1, and makes them the highest paid directors in the world. They meet every week day from 11 until 1 o'clock, which makes the remuneration under the new schedule \$80 an hour.

The thirteen directors, who cost the company more than \$600,000 a year, are John D. Rockefeller, William G. Rockefeller, John D. Archbold, Charles R. Pratt, William H. Telford, Henry M. Flagler, Henry H. Rogers, C. W. Harkness, Oliver H. Payne, F. Q. Barstow, J. A. Moffett, E. T. Bedford, and Walter Jennings.

Most amazing to those who have followed Standard Oil policy is the appointment of Joseph L. C. Clarke as official press agent at a salary of \$20,000. The public could more easily conceive of the corporation keeping the news of its affairs out of the papers, but that it should pay to gain publicity is not quite clear.

A more detailed statement in defense of the Oil trust will be issued on Monday or Tuesday. None of the directors of the company came to headquarters today, and in consequence, no further statement could be issued. The "next statement," it is said, will take up President Roosevelt's messages and Commissioner Garfield's report in detail.

Pennsylvania Official
Critiques Garfield

PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—Vice President Thayer of the Pennsylvania railroad this afternoon declared that the report of Commissioner of Corporation Garfield, so far as it referred to the relations between the Pennsylvania and the Standard Oil Company was "an inexcusable and outrageous perversion of the facts."

"It is true," continued Mr. Thayer, "that there has been in effect a special rate of 9 cents per barrel from Olean to Rochester, and it has not been withdrawn. The rate was originally made in 1887 by the Western New York and Pennsylvania railway twelve years before the acquisition of that road by the Pennsylvania. It is not a secret rate, and never has been secret. The tariff was not filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission because it applied solely to hauls within the State of New York."

Mr. Thayer then charges Commissioner Garfield with a breach of faith in making public information obtained from the Pennsylvania under promise that it would be regarded as confidential, and declared that the statement that the railroad was engaged in the practice of "blind billing" cannot be regarded "otherwise than as absolutely unfounded and calculated to mislead."

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ASCENDED MT. VESUVIUS
JUST BEFORE ERUPTION

Rev. Dr. Power's Graphic
Description of Expe-
rience at Crater.



REV. DR. F. D. POWER,
Washington Minister, Who, With a
Party, Ascended Mt. Vesuvius.

"Of course the place about the crater is well policed and the guides watch carefully to see that nobody does anything that would endanger their lives. We were taken probably 100 feet from the crater and could plainly see the rocks being thrown out. Only one side of the crater was approachable. From the other the smoke puffed out incessantly and a stream of lava poured down the sides. The ground was not under our feet."

"The volcano has been more or less active during the past year, but no one dreamed that day we were there that a catastrophe was so near. The place is just a great heap of ashes, and little pleasure is to be had from tramping about its vicinity. From Mt. Vesuvius, however, the view is superb. Just outside lies the Bay of Naples, and again there is the Mediterranean sea, while over the other way are the Apennines with their snow-capped peaks gleaming out in striking relief."

"When we were on the steamer in the bay we could see Vesuvius in action, puffing its smoke out and blackening the sky. At night the red lava streamed down the sides of the crater."

HIGGINS HAS DINNER
WITH THE PRESIDENT

New York's Governor Wears Benign
Smile But Doesn't Tell How
He Got It.

Governor Higgins of New York was a guest of President Roosevelt at dinner at the White House last night. He departed an hour before midnight, wearing a most benign expression upon his face. If his talk with the President caused it, the governor was very careful not to make much of the fact to the score of correspondents who crowded about him as he was taking his leave. He said that his visit with the President was of no political significance; that he had been invited to take dinner at the White House two weeks ago, but that he had been forced to ask that the invitation be not pressed until after the Legislature had adjourned. This being his first opportunity to get away from the pressure of official business, he had gladly accepted it.

SYMPTOMITIS.

Once more we realize that we
Are in an awful fix.
We've read the symptoms printed in
The almanacs, and sure as sin
We'll have them all in 1906.
—Judge.

San Francisco Conflagration
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GERMAN INSURANCE COMPANY
OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

To Its Washington, D. C., Policy Holders

ASSETS.
Loans on mortgages and accrued interest thereon \$3,854,046.49
City, town, county, and corporation stocks and bonds
and accrued interest thereon..... 1,644,715.41
Collateral Loans (secured by bonds and mortgages).... 7,200.00
Real Estate (Company's Office Buildings and other Real
Estate) 75,500.00
Cash on hand and in bank and in hands of agents 800,739.69

TOTAL ASSETS \$6,379,201.29

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock \$200,000.00
Reserve for re-insurance..... 3,840,550.34
Reserve for unpaid losses 201,320.74
Net surplus 2,137,330.21

TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$6,379,201.29

Surplus To Policy Holders, \$2,337,330.21.

In the Burned District of San Francisco, this old and reliable fire insurance company has outstanding policies aggregating \$1,500,000. They have already received reports, stating that many buildings insured by them in the burned district have been saved. As you can readily see from the above financial statement, even should "The German" lose the entire \$1,500,000, they would still have left a handsome surplus.

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TWO BOYS EDIT
PAPER IN KITCHEN

Publish Local Sheet in an
Iowa Town.

SET TYPE AND RUN PRESS

Are Aged Twelve and Nine Years,
Respectively—Have Two Hundred
and Fifty Subscribers.

WEBSTER CITY, Iowa, May 4.—Two small boys of Spencer have given their home town a distinction not possessed by many other places. If, indeed, any, in the Northwest. They are genuine three-ply boy editors and have made a wonderful success of their venture from all points of view.

Two years ago William S. Bemis, Jr., then twelve years old, and his brother, Louis M., three years his junior, began the publication of the Alert, a four-page paper, each page 8 1/2 by 11 inches, with three columns to the page. With some help from their parents in the construction of their news items, for the Alert is purely local and calculated to interest persons of all ages, they have issued the paper every other week without other aid.

The mysteries of the types had a fascination for Willie, the editor, some time before he went into the printing business on his own account. He was accustomed to drop into the offices around the town and do his little piece of press by the way.

Heard of Eruption.
"We visited Vesuvius on April 2 and sailed from Naples the following day. On the 4th of April the great eruption came, but we heard nothing of it until April 11, when we reached Liverpool. Having seen Vesuvius so recently I really wished that I might have been there to see the eruption, although I understand now that it was so great that the heavens were blackened and it would have been impossible to see little more than a great cloud of smoke."

Kitchen Used as Office.
The boys became soap merchants as a means to end and soon had the new press and had begun the publication of their paper. In time this press had to be laid aside. The boys had accumulated a small bank account and by the sale of the old press and two small pigs which a friend gave to them they were able to buy the job and paper press which has served their purpose to this time.

Until last January the kitchen of the Bemis home was the office of the Alert. At the outset the boys had no rack for their type and would place the latter on the floor or a small box when setting type. As might be supposed, there were some busy times in the Bemis kitchen, especially during the rush on press days, and all hands made "pit."

Mr. Bemis, the father, is a successful lawyer, and the son, by the way, of a former State treasurer of Iowa. He could well afford to give his sons all that they should ask in reason, but his policy has always been to have them do things for themselves, and thus develop their initiative and self-reliance. Material from an old shed was placed at their disposal, and they were told to go ahead and select what they wanted and build a detached office in the rear of the residence.

In time a comfortable office building

MEN OF THE KEARSARGE
EXONERATED FROM BLAME

Accident Which Created Such Havoc in Harbor of Guan-
tanamo Thoroughly Reviewed by Acting
Secretary of the Navy.

No blame is attached to any officer or member of the crew of the battleship Kearsarge anent the recent accident in the harbor of Guantanamo, which created such havoc. This is in accordance with the report of the court of inquiry which was appointed by Rear Admiral Evans, and whose findings were approved yesterday by Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry.

Admiral Evans was in Washington yesterday in consultation with officials of the Navy Department. Later the report, as made by the judge advocate general, was approved.

According to the report, the accident was caused by a short circuit in the electric cut-out in the forward turret, which was due to improper installation of the switches. Gunner's Mate Maher, who escaped with injuries, was directly the cause of the accident, but it is recommended that no responsibility be

attached to him or anyone else aboard the battleship at the time.

Admiral Evans, in discussing the case yesterday, told officials of the Navy Department that he approved of the findings of the board when they were first turned over to him, and, inasmuch as the accident was of a sort that might occur in any building or office room, where there was a defect in the electric wiring, he thought that any further action in the case would not be justifiable.

The report, which was sent by Admiral Evans to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, reached the hands of Secretary Bonaparte nearly a week ago. By him it was referred to the law department of the Navy for review, and, owing to his being confined to his home in Baltimore by illness, it was approved by Assistant Secretary Newberry.

The accident occurred late in the afternoon of April 13, at the close of target practice for the day.

eight by sixteen feet, was erected, the boys doing all the work of raising the old building and erecting the new one except the hanging of a door, the building of a chimney and the plastering of the interior.

The editors of the Alert have been taught to do their own banking and to look after their own business affairs. They have 250 bona fide subscribers, some of them in foreign lands, at 25 cents a year. They carry the advertisements of the local merchants and do job printing of all sorts that is not too complicated. Their books show that they have made a profit of \$350 in the two years that they have been in business. They have in the neighborhood of twenty-five fonts of type and put a valuation of \$350 on their plant and building, both of which are unincumbered.

And now the firm of Bemis Brothers has reached another milestone. It has placed the order for a \$350 Gordon press, and is going to have also some of the latest faces in job type. Next year the youthful editors expect to issue their paper weekly and double their earnings without a corresponding increase in their expenses. They have on the press a job from which even a mature printer might shrink. It is Bemis Brothers' "Up-to-Date Cook Book," which is to have seventy-five or eighty pages and sell at 25 cents a copy. Five hundred copies will be issued, the women of Spencer having contributed the recipes.

WALE'S ANIMAL GIFTS
TO FORM A MENAGERIE

LONDON, May 5.—The animals collected by the Prince of Wales during his Indian tour are expected to arrive at the Zoological Gardens early in June.

The collection will be known as the Prince of Wales' menagerie, and in making a separate exhibition of the animals the precedent of thirty years ago is being followed. For it was near the site of the present reptile house that the then Prince of Wales' menagerie was exhibited. Of that collection, "Suffa Cull" the elephant, is the only survivor.

HUNGRY BURGLAR
VISITS PANTRIES

Always Dines Well Before Carrying Off
Family Plate—Fond of Good
Wine.

PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—The hungry burglar who has been keeping the residents of Germantown and Mt. Airy in a ferment is still at work, and early yesterday morning he was detected calmly feasting in the pantry of Walter Blackburne's house, 148 East Mt. Airy avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburne had been to a theater and reached their home shortly after midnight. As Mr. Blackburne opened the pantry door in quest of a drink of ice water he was surprised to see a young man sitting at the table with a bottle of Rhine wine at his lips. Before him were plates of cold chicken, cake, and the remnants of a pie.

As the door opened the stranger dropped the bottle and made a dash for the kitchen. Before Mr. Blackburne recovered from his astonishment he had escaped out the door into the yard, and quickly scaled the back fence. Mr. Blackburne fired several shots from his revolver to attract the attention of the police.

According to Mr. Blackburne's description, his visitor was a slender young man, about five feet five inches tall, and dressed in a gray suit, the sack coat of which was long and of a stylish cut.

On the previous night a number of houses on Carpenter street, Mt. Airy, were entered, presumably by the same man. He secured about \$200 worth of silverware from the house of Ira Benoit, 28 Carpenter street. He has entered or attempted to enter eight houses in Germantown and Mt. Airy within the last ten days.

NEW CRUSOE SONG.
It's told of poor old Mrs. Crusoe—
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—Chicago Tribune.

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